

# Proclamation

## Recognizing our Nation's Independence And Safeguarding Citizen's Rights

July 4, 2021

**Whereas**, on July 4th, 1776, our forefathers signed the Declaration of Independence establishing our nation based on three fundamental principles: (1) that all men are created equal and endowed with the rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, (2) that the primary purpose of government is to protect these rights, and (3) that a government that does not uphold these rights is illegitimate; and

**Whereas**, upon these principles the people of the United States ordained and established the Constitution of the United States of America; and

**Whereas**, the Constitution established a federal republic with democratically-elected representation that reserved those powers not granted to the Government of United States of America to the individual states and the people; and

**Whereas**, the state of Colorado was then granted certain powers by a vote of the people on July 1st, 1876 approving the Constitution of Colorado which, in part, provides authority to create political sub-divisions; and

**Whereas**, Elbert County Government was formed in 1874, two years prior to Colorado gaining statehood and is a properly formed political sub-division of the state with responsibilities that include implementation of many state programs at the local level and enforcement of state laws; and

**Whereas**, Elbert County Government Officials are installed by a vote of the people and swear oaths by the Everliving God to support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Colorado, and the laws of the state of Colorado; and

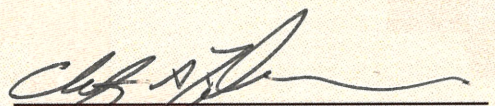
**Whereas**, the Elbert County Board of County Commissioners has recognized and responded to increasingly frequent actions by both the Legislative and Executive Branches of the State that infringe upon the rights and freedoms of our citizens, seemingly violate current statutes, and/or purposely negate initiatives passed by the vote of the people of Colorado; and


**Whereas**, citizens and businesses of this county have been impacted materially and negatively by the actions of higher levels of government and many have reached out for assurance that their local government will stand for them; now

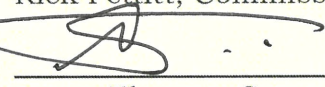
**THEREFORE**, the *Elbert County Board of County Commissioners* does hereby formally recognize, on this 245th Independence Day, the importance of: (1) celebrating principles upon which our nation and state were founded, (2) preserving both the intent and the letter of the Colorado and U.S. Constitution, and (3) placing the protection of individual rights and freedoms ahead of all other considerations when this government acts; and

**FURTHERMORE**, *be it be it known by all* that Elbert County Government, as the government closest to the people, will continue to take all actions necessary and proper to preserve and protect the rights of all citizens and will not tolerate abuse of our freedoms.



  
Chris Richardson, Commissioner

  
Rick Pettitt, Commissioner

  
Grant Thayer, Commissioner